

JAKE RIDDELL

SCREENWRITER AND STORY CONSULTANT

Jake has written all six episodes for ENDANGERED, a thriller for M-net / Forlan Films, loosely based on the best-selling crime novel by Rudie Van Rensburg, the first in a series of five books. The show is executive produced by Emmy award winner Steve Lanning and it is set for pre-production in early 2023. Anthony LaPaglia and Stephen Tompkinson are attached to star alongside Frank Opperman.

Jake is attached as a story consultant on a number of projects for JMG Media in Norway, including DEEP DOWN, a six-part thriller set in Oslo. He is also set to write several episodes alongside lead writer, Anne Klovolt. He returned as story producer on series 2 of DAM, the critically acclaimed psychological thriller for Showmax, due to air early 2023. Series one, for which he also served as story consultant, became the most watched domestic drama on the pan-African streamer.

He served both as a story consultant and writer on REYKA, an eight-part crime drama about a mixed-race criminal profiler for M-Net / Fremantle International, starring Kim Engelbrecht (The Flash, Dominion) and Iain Glen (Downton Abbey). It was sold into 80 territories world-wide. It has been nominated for two international Emmys in the best drama series and best actress categories.

Jake's recent writing credits include GRANTCHESTER, LONDON KILLS and DEATH IN PARADISE. He storylined many episodes of Channel 5's critically acclaimed drama, SUSPECTS, starring Faye Ripley, which ran for five series.

Before turning to a full-time writing career, Jake worked as a story producer for THE BILL, (ITV). During his tenure, the show was nominated for a BAFTA. He subsequently went on to write 12 episodes and rewrote many more. He also co-developed and wrote most of the first series of MURDER INVESTIGATION TEAM (ITV) and was the story consultant for the second series. Previous credits include HOLBY CITY, HOLBY BLUE and WATERLOO ROAD. Jake was also part of the core writing team for EASTENDERS, writing over 35 episodes.

